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In re Application of:

Schondorf, et al.

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Examiner: Nguyen, Phung

For: WIRELESS SEATBELT BUCKLE SWITCH HARVESTING ENERGY
AND METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATIONMail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the
Office Action dated August 3, 2004. This response is timely because it is being filed within the
three-month time period allowed for a response.

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reference fails to teach or suggest each and every element of the claims as mentioned herein. Accordingly, the dependent claims are allowable when the independent claims are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 8-12, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stevenson, et al.* (U.S. Pub. 2004/0119599) in view of *Gupta, et al.* (U.S. Pat. 6,688,700). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 8 is also believed to be allowable for the same reasons given for claim 1 above. Specifically, *Stevenson* in view of *Gupta* fail to teach or suggest a self-powered wireless switch assembly includes an energy harvesting element that generates electrical power. Moreover, *Stevenson* in view of *Gupta* fail to teach or suggest a self-powered wireless switch assembly that also includes a capacitor that stores power received from the energy harvesting element. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn as *Stevenson* in view of *Gupta* fail to teach or suggest each and every limitation of claim 1.

Claims 9-12, 14 and 15 are also believed to be allowable as depending from independent claim 8.

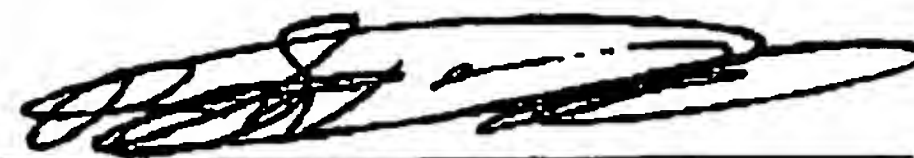
Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-22 and new claims 23-26 are allowable and in proper condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance indicating the same is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account 06-1510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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